

Dear Environment Committee,

I am writing in hopes that you will pass the act S.B. 72 about liability for running bamboo. It is imperative that this plant be controlled and that we enact laws to help property owners that are dealing with existing bamboo problems.

My situation is that my neighbor planted running bamboo on their tiny 50 x 100 foot lot. Their backyard borders a beautiful, protected wetlands owned by Avalonia Nature Conservancy.

They planted it with ignorance and do not know how destructive it can be. It is already creeping into my other neighbor's 50 foot wide yard and will soon enter mine in the next year or two. It is over their property line and has entered the conservancy as well. We have asked them to remove it, offered to remove it for them and tried to educate them about how destructive this plant can be to no avail. We need to have a law on our side.

Please support this act concerning existing bamboo. All existing bamboo must have a 40 foot setback and be declared a nuisance! We are asking for your help.

Sincerely,
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